Sl. No.	Name of Organisation	Nature of contribution involvement	Location/impact
1.	MASS, Baripada Contact: Mr. Deepak Pani	Organisation of motivation camps, canvassing environment friendly habits.	Simlipal Sustained impact/presence.
2.	Wildlife Society of Orissa, Cuttack Contact: Mr. Biswajeet Mohanty	Draws attention of the Govt. to specific issues. Effective advocacy for the cause of tiger conservation, and motivation of people in the periphery of tiger reserve.	Major Protected Areas. Specifically interested in issues relating to protection. Highlights killing/trade/display of wildlife.
3.	Wild Orissa, Bhubaneswar Contact: Mr. S. Bhujabal	It is an effective advocacy group	Major Protected Areas of Orissa
4.	Youth Rural Development Organization, Baripada. Contact: Mr. J. Mohapatra	Motivation of people for relocation outside Tiger Reserve.	Simlipal
5.	DASI, Baripada Contact: Mrs. J.M. Das	Focusing in gainful engagement of women for reducing direct impact on Protected Areas	Simlipal
6.	Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Orissa, Bhubaneswar. Contact: Honorary Secretary, O/O Director, Nandankanan	Active in channelising donor funds for Programmes relating to tiger conservation, particularly with respect to motivation camps	Simlipal

People residing in reserved and protected forests

1140. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people residing in the reserved forests and protected forests in different States of the country at present, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been residing there since the period prior to 1980;

(c) for how many people the State Governments have forwarded proposals to the Central Government to finalise orders of settlement in their respective areas; and

(d) the status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The records of data regarding human population residing in the reserved forests and protected forests of various States/ UTs of the country are maintained by the respective State/UT Governments. Government does not maintain such demographic records. However, as per available information, about 2690 forest villages are there in the country.

(c) and (d) Proposals under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are considered in terms of forest area for specific development projects etc. Government have received the proposals for regularization of pre-1980 eligible encroachments on forest area and conversion of forest villages into revenue villages in accordance with the guidelines issued by this Ministry on 18th September, 1990, under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Proposals for regularization of encroachments have been received from Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa and Rajasthan. Government have regularized eligible pre-1980 encroachments over about 3.66 lakh hectare of forest area in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Karnataka, A&N Islands, Arunachal Pradesh and Orissa. Some proposals of Orissa and Rajasthan could not be considered as the Supreme Court has restrained Union of India from regularization of encroachments on forest lands *vide* their order dated 23-11-2001.

Further, proposals for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages have been received from the State of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttaranchal and Chhattisgarh. So far the Government have allowed conversion of 94 forest villages into revenue villages in five districts of Madhya Pradesh and 73 forest villages in Nandurbar District of Maharashtra involving total forest area of about 0.14 lakh hectare, as per the National Forest Policy, 1988 and the guidelines issued in September, 1990.